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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 30, 2002 (Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 29, 2002, the due date having been extended three months to September 29, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## AMENDMENTS

## IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Applicants submit the Abstract of the disclosure located on a separate sheet attached hereto.

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